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**NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE and
PERMIT REVOCATION – NCPR # 03-019**

RE CONCORD, HESS 29500, EXISTING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
FACILITY (UST #M-0113409) (DES #199306008)

Dear Mr. Howard

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (“DES”) is hereby notifying you that the above-referenced facility, located at 175 North Main Street, Concord, NH is not in compliance with New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wm 1401, regulating Underground Storage Facilities. On September 8, 2003 a DES inspector conducted a compliance audit at the facility. A written document, describing the deficiencies was provided to the facility representative. This document required the facility be returned to compliance within 45 days, and DES be notified of the corrective measures taken. Compliance has not been achieved. **Failure to achieve compliance with the following deficiencies within 90 days from the date of this Notice of Non-Compliance and Permit Revocation (“Notice”) will result in revocation of your Permit-to-Operate on March 9, 2004. This letter contains important compliance and procedural information. Please read it carefully.**

Env-Wm 1401.04 Registration

Env Wm 1401.04 requires a registration form to be on file at DES for all regulated UST systems. A review of DES records indicates that a 550-gallon waste water UST is included on the registration form. It is not clear whether waste oil or waste water is being stored in this UST. Verification of what is being stored in this UST system must be provided to DES.

2 Env-Wm 1401.07 Permit-to-Operate

Env-Wm 1401.07 requires that the permit-to-operate be permanently affixed on the facility premises and visible to a division inspector. The field inspection revealed that the permit was not posted. The permit-to-operate shall be posted on the facility premises and verification in writing that the permit has been posted shall be provided to DES.

Env-Wm 1401.25 Spill Containment and Overfill Protection

Env-Wm 1401.25 requires overfill protection devices be installed and maintained in good working order on all UST systems. DES has determined that the overfill protection device was not maintained in good working order. The light on the audible alarm must

be replaced. DES has also determined that the installation of the overfill protection devices could not be verified for the required 90% alert or 95% shut off level. Verification shall be provided to DES that the overfill protection devices for all UST systems has been installed at the required 90% alert or 95% shut off level.

4 Env-Wm 1401.26 Leak Monitoring for New Tanks and Env-Wm 1401.31 Operation of Leak Monitoring Equipment

Env-Wm 1401.26 and/or Env-Wm 1401.31 require that a leak monitor for double-wall tank systems continuously operate. The leak monitoring equipment and devices shall be tested annually for proper operation in accordance with manufacturer's requirements. DES has determined that the leak monitor lights for the tank systems need to be replaced. Any malfunction must be repaired within 15 working days or the affected system shall be temporarily closed (all product removed to less than 1-inch) until satisfactory repairs are made. Leak monitor replacement or maintenance results or indication that the systems have been temporarily closed shall be provided to DES.

In addition, Env-Wm 1401.10(a) requires owners of underground storage facilities for oil to maintain financial responsibility for costs associated with cleanup of releases from systems, the implementation of corrective measures, and compensation for third party damages in the amount equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Env-Wm 1401.10(c) provides that the financial responsibility requirement may be satisfied if the owner is eligible for reimbursement of costs associated with cleanup of releases from the Oil Discharge and Disposal Cleanup Fund ("the Fund"). Eligibility for the Fund is contingent upon achieving and maintaining compliance with statutory (RSA 146-C) and regulatory (Env-Wm 1401) requirement. This facility has not maintained compliance, consequently, should your permit be revoked the Fund will not be available to you as a financial responsibility mechanism for subsequent releases. At such time as the deficiencies listed in this Notice have been resolved and your facility has been deemed in compliance with RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401, you may again use the Fund as your financial assurance mechanism for future releases.

In accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.07(a), no person shall own or operate an underground storage facility without a permit issued by DES. Within 30 days from the date of the permit revocation the facility shall be closed in accordance with Env-Wm 1401.18 for permanent closure.

Based on the compliance deficiencies described above, DES believes this facility poses a potential substantial threat to the surface and groundwater of the state. Therefore, in accordance with RSA 146-C:4 and Env-Wm 1401.09, if compliance, as requested above, is not achieved within ninety (90) days of the date of this Notice your Permit-to-Operate (UST Permit #0113409) shall be revoked effective **March 9, 2004**. Within thirty (30) days of the date of permit revocation all regulated substances must be removed from the UST systems at this facility. If the facility achieves compliance during the ninety (90) day period, it is necessary that documentation be submitted to DES verifying that compliance has been attained.

You have the right to a hearing to contest these allegations before the proposed license action is taken. The hearing would be a formal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:31, at which you and any witnesses you may call would have the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to why the proposed action should not be taken. All testimony at the hearing would be under oath and would be subject to cross-examination. If you wish to have a hearing, one will be scheduled promptly.

RSA 541-A:31 III(e) provides that you have the right to have an attorney present to represent yourself at your own expense. If the Permit is an occupational license, under RSA 541-A:31, III(f) you have the right to request DES to provide a certified shorthand court reporter at your own expense. **Such request must be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the proceeding.**

You may waive your right to a hearing. If you waive the hearing, DES is prepared to proceed with the actions as stated above. You should notify DES of your decision by filling out and returning the enclosed form.

If there are any questions concerning the above, I may be contacted at the Waste Management Division at (603) 271-1165.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over the word "COPY", which is printed in large, bold, black capital letters.

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